

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2082 - HB 2129

March 16, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP) to contract with a psychiatrist to evaluate an offender convicted of a sex crime to determine whether the offender would likely commit another sexual assault if released.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$118,500

Assumptions:

- Under current law, BOPP can use either a psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist designated as a health service provider to conduct these evaluations. BOPP is currently under contract with the Department of Correction (DOC) for DOC to provide psychological evaluations for sex offenders being considered for release. During calendar year 2008, DOC staff or their contractors performed 79 psychological evaluations for the Board. BOPP's contract has a maximum amount of \$30,000. These dollars are funded using BOPP's supervision fee account.
- DOC staff estimates psychological exams cost approximately \$1,500 each and that psychiatric exams cost approximately \$3,000 each. BOPP estimates each evaluation would cost an additional \$1,500 as a result of this bill.
- The increase in state expenditures is \$118,500 (\$1,500 x 79 evaluations).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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